

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 17, 2005
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants

DVBE Advisory Council Members

Gene Farnsworth, Don Gonneville, Robert Brown on behalf of Michael Johnson, Floyd Knox, Bob Mulz, Kevin O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Robert Chipley on behalf of James Stanfield, Francis Trottier, Timothy Voors, Robert Yaap

CDVA

Jack Kirwan, Statewide DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division
Ralph Cansimbe, Operations Manager, Veterans Services Division
Stewart Mackenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division
Joy Rowan, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division

Department of General Services

Mariel Dennis, Chief, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Gloria Anderson, Compliance Manager
Lori Okamoto, SB/DVBE Resources Administrator

Absent DVBE Advisory Council Members

Allen Amaro, Alison Boyle, Larry Brooks, John Rak, John Robbins, Larry Turner

The Legislation and Outreach Sub-Committees met from 8:30am-10:00am.

Welcome and Introductions

10:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Robert Brown is attending on behalf of Mike Johnson.

Robert Chipley is attending on behalf of James Stanfield.

Approval of Minutes

1st motion: Farnsworth, 2nd motion: Yaap ~ Unanimous

Reschedule May Meeting Date

Next meeting date changed from May 19th to the May 24th.

Business Items

10:10 am

Ca. Strategic Sourcing Initiative

Terese Butler, Project Director

Project description and update

Any questions, visit www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/stratsourcing

DGS: New Legislation, DVBE Regulations & CPR Impact on SB/DVBE's

Mariel Dennis (March 17, 2005 DVBE Council- PowerPoint handout)

- Revitalized SB Council Meeting
- Preliminary data for 03/04 statewide participation, 30.31% Small Bus, 3.47% DVBE
- Current Certified Firms: 14,446, All SB 13,638, DVBE only 237, SB/DVBE 571, All DVBE 808
- Described Reciprocity Program and partners
- DVBE Regulations are being drafted (DVBE Advisory Council's Leg. Sub-committee participating)
- NVSA Regulations – DGS evaluating if needed
- Clean-up to SB Regulations also being considered

Council Operating Guidelines

Don Gonneville

All comments reviewed and incorporated
Implemented as of 3/17/05. (forward to CDVA Agency Secretary for signature)

Co-Chair Nominations

11:00 am

Don Gonneville

Don will be running for DVBE Alliance President.
No objections by any council members if he chooses to hold both position.
Council members affirmed they did not perceive a conflict of interest.

Council Membership Recruitment

Don Gonneville

Don to confirm membership with absent council members.
Membership criteria and process described in the operating guidelines.
Encourage organizations not currently represented to apply.
Consider geographical information
Types of business (goods, services and construction)

Lunch 12:10- 1:00 pm

Discussion Items

1:00 pm

Travel Reimbursement Procedures

Dawn Dibartolo, CDVA Accounting (916.

Presentation on the Cal-Aters travel reimbursement system
Members and alternates requesting reimbursement submitted their social security numbers

Committee Reports

Legislative Chair, Robert Yaap

Following pending legislation
Good Faith Effort – Committee reviewing options

Outreach Chair, Gene Farnsworth

Check DGS events website often ~ www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/recipro/events.htm
March 22-24, CSU Procurement and Support Services Officers Association Conference
April 11, Keeping the Promise~ CA DVBE Alliance
April 12-13, Corps of Engineers, Reno
Email to 36 contractors for CSUSB projects

Procurement Chair, Bob Mulz

No report, will work on recruiting members

State Agency Chair, Floyd Knox

No report

Council Forum Member Issues And Reports

Jack Kirwan: Northern Ca Cemetery Project on track, RFP for landscaping released, DVBE participation weighted in evaluation

Gene Farnsworth: Discussion on positive press for DVBE program
Caltrans inability to pay for table at local conference

Public Comments- None

Greg Rill – Ca State Handyman – Legislation inhibiting DVBE growth and development

Michael Lessing – Ca State Handyman – Recommending bill that veterans are not disenfranchised, comments to DVBE regulations

Gary Hoffman – Encourage participation in 4/6-7 Washington event

Next meeting May 24,2005

Adjournment

3:00 pm